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## High Potato Yield Produced At Hermon School Gets Award

Mount Hermon school was included in the list of twenty-two potato growers this year who won membership in the 300 Bushel club. The school secured a yield of 380 bushels of potatoes on its best acre and was 16th in the complete list. The announcement was made by R. W. Donaldson, the extension agronomist at the State college.

High man of the year is Nathan Chace of Swansea who grew 542 bushels on a test-measured acre, contrasted with an average yield throughout the state of 120 bushels. Second best potato producer was Mrs. E. M. Burt of East Longmeadow who dug up 492 bushels from her best acre. John Sequiera of South Westport took third high with a 473 bushel yield.

Of the twenty-two growers who produced yields of 300 bushels or better, ten are in Hampden county, nine in Bristol, and one each in Essex, Franklin, and Hampshire counties.

Mr. Chace was high man in 1928 with a yield of 455 bushels. Each year, according to Mr. Donaldson, he has had consistently high yields of potatoes from a moderate sized acreage on his dairy farm. His soil is fertile from repeated use of manure and his success with potatoes, as with other crops, is due mainly to efficient farm practices.

Mr. Donaldson stated that a rainfall of 14.55 inches and resultant floods during September ruined many prospects of high yields in Franklin and Hampshire counties.

## Good Attendance At Center School

Center school has produced a good attendance for the month of October with grade records of I and II of 100 per cent. The following have perfect attendance.

Grade I, John Jurkowski, Robert Phelps, Edgar Parker, Richard Shattuck; Grade II, Richard Summers, Howard Clark, Marion Andrews, Joan Williams, Alvin Holoway, Joseph Bilmon and Rita Mello. These grades 100 per cent; Grade III, Carver Baker, Raymond Bugbee, Julia Ladrinski, Manuel Mello, James Morgan and Elwin Stevens; Grade IV, Russell Bigelow, Edward Baker, Ruth Clark, Shirley Holloway, Lois Stevens, Goddard Winterbottom and Arnold Sibley.

These two grades with 97.9 per cent; Grade V, Robert Clark, Floyd Dunnell, Eugene Hutchinson, Edmund Morgan, Allen Sibley, Lawrence Whitney, Helen Andrews, Sophie Duda, Beatrice Jurkowski, Annie Lematowicz, Helen Mankowsky, Carolyn Miller and Isabel Stone; Grade VI, Charles Dresser, Darwin Holloway, William Shattuck, Elizabeth Browning, Peralis Washer, Velde White and Natalie Dresser; Grade V and VI had 95.92 per cent.

Grade VII, John Addison, Erwin Fisher, Lee Hammond, Robert Johnson, Warren Hutchinson, Carl Stone, Frank Washer, Donald Woodbury, Mildred Clough, Delphine Field, Gertrude Murray, Elizabeth Phelps, Olga Shryba, and Fay Warnock. Grade VII had 95.02 per cent.

Grade VIII, Harold Bigelow, Kenneth Bolton, Esther Brasser, Olive Fisher, Althea Churchill, Barbara Harris, George Marshall, Enid Miner, Gordon Pratt, Warren Randall, Gloria Savcheff, Stella Schryba, Irving Scott, Anna Slaght, Alice Stevens, Herbert Wing, Ruth Smalley and Florence Zabko. This grade had a record of 93.34 per cent.

## Will Need \$50,000

The Western Massachusetts Visitors association will need at least \$50,000 for the development of this section of the state as a recreational and vacation center. The association of which A. Gordon Moody of the Northfield hotel is president, hopes that this sum may be realized by personal memberships and subscriptions. The counties involved are Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden.



## The Old Birch Tree On Hogsback Was Badly Damaged In Hurricane; Fear Expressed It Will Not Live

The old birch tree on Hogsback mountain, said to be the largest in the world is badly damaged as a result of the recent hurricane. The trail through the woods to the tree, which has been used by thousands during the summer months, is almost impassable owing to the fallen timber. Very few have ventured to get through to the site, but at least three groups have succeeded and all bring back word that the tree is badly mutilated and may not live. The right branch has broken off and the left top branch has fallen to the ground. Only spring will tell the story of its survival, when the leaves are due to appear.

Besides the Messrs Leavins and Gray of Providence, R. I. who brought the "Press" the first re-

## The Country Home At The Northfield

Thanksgiving is observed in its usual fine spirit at the Northfield hotel and the large number of reservations for the holiday dinner attest to its popularity. There is a decidedly home atmosphere at the hotel and the guests linger long about its spacious rooms and lounge. The seasonal attraction is outside the hotel near the entrance where the lawn has been transformed into a real New England homestead. The little white painted house with curtains and lamps at the windows are appealing and the good housewife has carefully covered her old fashioned gardens with straw and greens in the foreground. The low white fence with its open gate and slab walk bids welcome. Even the rural mail box is in front. The long porch adjoining the house and connecting with the shed, has the ax and chopping block handy with a cord or so of split wood piled up for use. The overalls of little Johnnie and the blue handkerchiefs are hanging on the line. The shed is closed but adjoining is the little piggery with its tiny porkers romping in glee and the cackling of the hens as they strut about. In the field the corn shocks are tied and piled and the pumpkins lie about ready to be garnered. It's a clever display and the handiwork of Philip Porter of the hotel staff. Manager Moody is to be complimented upon this effort to impart a most interesting attraction. It really should be seen by all and a visit will be more than repaid.

## Christmas Seals Are Ready For Public

Letters containing the 1938 Christmas Health Seals will be mailed to our residents in town this week. The sale opens on the day after Thanksgiving, following the Red Cross Roll Call. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer is chairman of the local committee and Mrs. Ray Thompson is treasurer and they hope for a willing and ready response to this appeal of the National Tuberculosis association through the Franklin County Public Health association. The stamps will also be placed on sale in the local stores.

## Red Cross Appeal Is Nearing Close; Have You Joined?

The Red Cross Roll Call in this town is proceeding nicely, with some encouraging returns already reported. \$500 is the goal set for Northfield this year. It is hoped that many friends will help out with \$5.00 gifts, realizing that only 50c of this goes to headquarters at Washington, the balance remaining in the hands of the Franklin County chapter for its widespread Red Cross work throughout the county during the whole year. Everybody shows a fine spirit, even though they cannot always do what they would like.

The drive runs until Thanksgiving Day. After that date membership fees and other gifts may be sent to the town chairman, A. P. Pitt, at East Northfield. A full statement of receipts will be given in due time.

The Fortnightly society was among the first to contribute \$5 on the Roll Call appeal.

The Franklin County chapter was \$1700 short on its quota of \$4300 for the New England and Rhode Island hurricane appeal. Many may wish to increase their usual contributions in view of the fact that Red Cross has expended so many thousands of dollars this year in behalf of disaster victims in our own county.

Mrs. E. F. Howard and Mrs. W. P. Stanley have gone to spend the Thanksgiving season in Detroit. Mrs. Howard will visit with her son, Dr. Philip Howard and Mrs. Stanley will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Preston Dize.

## 1938 RED CROSS POSTER



The appealing figure of the Red Cross nurse presents a plea for your annual membership in the Red Cross during the roll call, beginning Armistice Day and ending Thanksgiving Day. This is the official 1938 poster of the Red Cross, and appears in the form of a window card.

## To Salvage Lumber Fallen In This Area

A committee has been named in this district to represent all the owners of fallen timber with a view to cooperation in any Federal or state endeavor. Frank W. Williams has been named as a member of this committee. Just how or when salvaging operations will be begun has not been decided and plans are being awaited from the governmental representatives. The timber loss in this vicinity between Northfield and Warwick has been heavy and it is worth the while, for those who have not seen the destruction to motor about and view the devastated forests.

Miss Lillian Dean and Miss Dora Calder who have spent the summer and fall season in an apartment in the Simmons home on Maple street have returned to their home in Brookline, for the winter.

## Mrs. Smith Moved To Another Hospital

Mrs. Monroe Smith, who suffered injuries recently in an automobile accident near Holland, Mich., and who was taken to the hospital in that city has been removed to the Battle Creek hospital for further treatment. Her condition was reported as not making the usual improvement and Mr. Smith flew by airplane from Denver to be with his wife. Local headquarters expect further information at any hour regarding her condition.

## Public Card Party

The Northfield chapter, O. E. S. will hold a public card party on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, at 7:45 o'clock in the Masonic hall on Parker street. Monte Carlo whist, Michigan, and pitch will be provided for the men. All interested in a pleasant and social evening are invited to attend.

## Spoke of Gardens At The Fortnightly; Garden Club Guests

A large number of members of the Northfield Garden club were the guests of the Fortnightly at their meeting last Friday evening in Alexander hall, when E. D. Putnam of Antrim delivered a most timely talk on New England gardens, many of which he had photographed and presented on the screen by stereopticon.

Most of the garden s shown were those of acquaintances about his section of New Hampshire and it proved the possibilities of everyone developing a bright flower garden about their own home. He urged a return to what has always been known as the New England garden with its old-time flowers in abundance. The hostesses were Mrs. Charles Taber and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle. Mrs. E. Percy Goodspeed the president of the Fortnightly presided welcomed the guests and introduced the speaker.

The newly formed Woman's club chorus rendered in splendid manner, "Trees" and a local mixed quartet also sang. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Goodspeed.

At this meeting it was announced that a committee consisting of Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mrs. George N. Pefferlee, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Joseph W. Field, and Mrs. George Thompson will hold a supper and card party at the town hall on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The next regular meeting of the club will be Friday, Dec. 2, at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall when Miss Eva Freeman will speak on her travels in England.

## Win In Crash Suit; Alexanders Get Award

In Superior court, before Judge Daniel T. O'Connell last week the crash suit cases of Samuel F. and Louise J. Alexander against David F. Hoyt of Athol were heard by a jury. Mr. Alexander sued for \$1,000 and Mrs. Alexander for \$10,000 for personal injuries.

The suits emanated from an automobile collision, Oct. 4, 1937, on the Northfield Farms road in Millers Falls near the junction of the short ramp from route two. The Alexanders in a 1926 car had just entered the Northfield road from the ramp when the Hoyt car, travelling south, collided with them on the east side of the road. Mrs. Alexander's wrist was fractured and her knee and back injured. Both cars were damaged.

On Monday afternoon the jury returned its verdict after hearing all the evidence and awarded Mrs. Alexander \$3500. Mr. Alexander was given \$50 for car damages and \$122 for medical expenses.

## "Have A Fine Crop," Writes Spurgeon Gage

Among the first of our residents to start the trip southward this fall was Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, who owns a beautiful bungalow and ten acres of oranges and grapefruit, at Orlando, Fla.

They had a most enjoyable trip down by motor, but immediately upon arrival went to work on their plantation. Mr. Gages now writes a letter stating he will have a very fine quality crop and offers to send his friends baskets of the fruit upon order. His advertisement appears in the "Press" this week.

## Alumnus Receives Honor

James Alter, Hermon '36, whose home is the American Mission at Sialkot, India, has been awarded Phi Beta Kappa at Yale university where he is a junior. For a junior to win membership in Phi Beta Kappa is a signal achievement. Alter is the second recent Hermon graduate to receive this honor. Two years ago Jose Arrom of Cuba, who graduated from Hermon in 1934, graduated from Yale in only three years and was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. He is now assisting on the Yale faculty.

## Vienna Choir Boys In Folk Dances



## Vienna Choir Boys At The Auditorium Saturday Evening

Music critics in all the large cities of the United States have written in glowing terms of the Vienna Choir Boys, scheduled to sing here Saturday evening, under the sponsorship of Northfield Seminary. The concert will be presented in the auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock.

George Schaun, writing in the Baltimore Sun, said of them: "The choir of boy singers from Vienna, naturally enough, commanded more than musical interest. The mere sight of twenty youngsters in their middie blouses, marching neatly out and bowing very precisely in the center of the stage, won a large part of the audience before the little vocalists had even begun.

The youngsters sang with unaffected ease and simplicity, attacks were precise, intonation was uniformly good, and some fine effects of shading were achieved. The audience seemed especially to enjoy Schubert's setting of the Twenty-third Psalm and the Evening Song from the fairy tale opera, Hansel und Gretel."

When the Vienna Choir Boys appeared in Washington as guest soloists with the National Symphony orchestra, the critic of the Washington Times, William Newman, was equally complimentary, saying in part: "Any group of talented and well trained children cannot fail of the approval of an adult audience; and when an attractive, smiling youngster announced his numbers all hearts were won before a note was sung. Discounting these advantages, there remained enough excellencies in the art of these disciplined choristers to explain their success. Their song is precise. It is pleasantly modulated, objectively expressive, and of beautiful quality. The boys were many times recalled with their conductor, Viktor Gombos."

## Harmony Lodge Has An Installation

Masonic hall on Parker street was well filled Tuesday evening when the semi-public installation of the newly elected and appointive officers of Harmony Lodge took place. The installing officer was Donald E. Matthews, Past District Deputy of the 14th Masonic District. He was accompanied by W. M. Stebbins of Bay State Lodge as Marshall and by Robert Dykes also of Bay State Lodge.

Officers installed were as follows: Charles L. Johnson, master; Edgar J. Livingston, senior warden; Harold F. Bigelow, junior warden; Ralph M. Forsaith, treasurer; Charles C. Stearns, secretary; Martin E. Vorce, chaplain; Richard A. Cobb, marshal; Verne G. Hurlbut, senior deacon; George McEwan, junior deacon; Roy J. Fish, senior steward; Horace W. Bolton, junior steward; Frank H. Montague, Tyler.

A program of music was rendered by Mrs. Horace Bolton as soloist and Mrs. E. P. Goodspeed as pianist. Refreshments were served.

## Foreign Mails Start For Yule Greetings

This week marks the beginning of the Yuletide mailings for foreign lands. From now until Dec. 20 mail will be forward to more than 100 foreign countries, colonies and possessions. Be sure your mail is properly addressed and that the wrappers on packages are well secured.

The closing dates for mails, IN NEW YORK, for various countries are as designated: England, France, Germany, Poland, Hawaii, and Scotland, Dec. 16; Italy, Dec. 14; Egypt, Dec. 2; Guatemala, Dec. 12; Denmark, Dec. 10; most South American countries, Dec. 2; Japan, Dec. 5; China, Dec. 2; Syria and Sweden, Dec. 10. Get your mail off promptly if you expect Christmas delivery.

## FOR THESE WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL



## Fish and Game Assoc. Enjoyed Fine Supper

Members of the local Fish and Game association enjoyed a most appetizing supper at the town hall, Monday evening. There was a large attendance and afterward a card party was held. The losers in the game of cards paid the expenses of the supper. Everyone had a good time and spent a pleasant evening.

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## TOWN TOPICS

This week Rev. W. S. Carne has charge of the devotional hour on the Greenfield radio station, WHAI. Thursday morning he was assisted by the choir under the direction of Prof. I. J. Lawrence.

Mrs. William Holbrook of Keene, N. H., invited the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church as her guests at supper last Sunday evening and a goodly delegation responded. Afterward the young folks attended church services there.

Virginia Powell has been chosen a member of the Mt. Holyoke College speedball team, for which she earns another "H".

A service of unusual interest was held in Trinity church, Boston, last Sunday when the infant son of Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, the rector, was baptized in the presence of the parents and grandparents of the child, Arthur Junior.

Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge of Highland avenue is a guest at the Dodge hotel in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, head of the Bible department was the speaker last Saturday at the Southern Vermont Northfield club, held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Scott at Putney.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith who have occupied a part of the Woodbury house on Winchester road have removed to Brattleboro where they will make their home.

George W. Carr of Winchester road left last Saturday by motor for Walkill, N. Y., where he will visit his mother and spend a well-earned two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. E. P. Goodspeed, president of the Fortnightly with Mrs. Ray Thompson, vice-president, were guests of the Amherst Woman's club on Monday.

Lawrence Harris who is attending Colby college is spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris.

Mrs. Mary A. Bardwell of Main street, has closed her home and gone to spend some time at Brookline.

Arthur P. Fitt, who recently purchased the insurance business of S. E. Walker, has been appointed a Notary Public for Massachusetts by Gov. Charles F. Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston spent last week-end with Mrs. White's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright. Mr. White played with the Boston Symphony concerts at New Haven and in New York following.

This Friday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock will be open house at the home of Mrs. Townier at Vernon where a sale will be held for the benefit of the Vernon church of which Rev. Ellis E. Jones is pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright will spend the Thanksgiving holiday in Boston with their daughters. The Doctor's office will be closed from Thursday morning to Saturday noon.

Paul Gorzocosci of the sixth grade of Center school has received a reading certificate. He has read and reported on five books.

Willis Parker, Master of Harmony Lodge of Masons, who is retiring from office entertained his staff at a dinner at Sunset Inn last week.

The Farms school pupils with Miss Stearns, the teacher, gave a special Thanksgiving program to parents and friends Wednesday afternoon.

The new Jefferson nickels made their appearance in Northfield last week and a few of our citizens were fortunate enough to obtain them from their banks. They were coined in the Philadelphia mint and are among the first issued.

Mrs. Ruth Swan of Waban is visiting her mother Mrs. Mary A. Bardwell at her home on Main street.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague recently enjoyed a visit from her sisters, Miss Ann Merriman of Port Chester, N. Y., and Miss Mabel Merriman of New York City.

Miss Eleanor Davis of the history department of the Seminary is conducting a series of group meetings of the Association of University Women, on current events. The final two meetings are Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, at the home of Miss Adelaide Hood on the Barnardston road.

Miss Ida Dunham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Dunham of South Londonderry, Vt., is recovering from an appendicitis operation at the Springfield hospital, performed last week. They are summer residents here and have a home at Forest Ave.

Harry L. Gingras will spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his children at the home of his mother in Ashland, N. H.

A daughter, Nancy Lou, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buffum at the Franklin County hospital Thursday, Nov. 17. The child is a granddaughter of Mrs. C. P. Buffum, and of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neigh of these, N. Y.

Automobile owners will find their 1939 excise tax about 75 cents higher this coming year than last. The new rate is \$35.90 per thousand dollars of valuation, announces the Tax Commissioner.

The old post office building owned by Mrs. Richards, has been leased to Mr. Ripley, who comes from a summer spent in Maine and will conduct a watch repair business, here.

There has been filed in the registry a deed from Charles F. Clark and Theoren L. Warner of Sunderland to the American Youth Hostels, Inc., conveying nine-tenths of an acre of land with property in Sunderland, on the road toward Montague.

The local basketball team went to Monroe Bridge last Friday evening to play its first game of the season with the Glassine team and won by a score of 28-26.

A broadcast over the radio station WEAF (red network) next Monday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock will be by the WCTU with the speaker, Roger Babson. Listen in to his remarks.

Signs of the approaching winter are evident about us, and none speaks in more definite terms than the construction of the toboggan chute in front of the Northfield hotel. Here every winter many guests enjoy the winter sport.

Mrs. W. Stanley Carne of this town, is at the Brattleboro hospital for observation and treatment.

Mrs. R. G. Brooks of Alberta, Canada is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland.

Mrs. Louise B. LaBella of Springfield, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Barnes, of Amherst, was in town for a few days last week looking over Mrs. LaBella's property on Rustic Ridge. She expects to spend the winter in Florida.

Charles E. Gremmels of New York City was the speaker at the prayer meeting of the Congregational church held Tuesday evening.

Rev. Edward Fairbanks will speak at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church Sunday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Harness of the Farms road expects to close her home soon and spend the winter in Florida.

A daughter, Maria Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Cook at the Farren hospital on Monday, November 14. The child is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton and Mrs. Ann Cook.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH  
Sunday school, 10 o'clock; at 11, regular preaching service; the choir singing special anthems; the sermon subject will be "The Gospel for Christmas." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by a worship service; also at 2:30, a service for all ages at the Barber District schoolhouse; at 7, the meeting of the Senior Endeavor; at 8, evening worship service.

Tuesday at 3, Mrs. L. E. Smith Bible class, with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society with lunch at noon; at 7:30, weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by choir rehearsal.

SOUTH CHURCH  
Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. Rev. Margaret B. Barnard will speak on the theme, "Sacrifice."

Dr. Frederick Elliot will broadcast over station WHDH (830k) Sunday at 1:45 on the subject, Unitarian Faith in Democracy.

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Forty-six people attended the supper at the South Vernon church parsonage Wednesday evening of last week and a short entertainment followed including readings by Mrs. Nellie Stockwell and Warren Brown, piano solos by Mrs. Nina Gray and Maurice Mann, vocal solos by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson and Mrs. Irene Smead, a vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. George Gray, and a quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Gibson and Ernest Dunklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Durant are on a few weeks' trip to Florida. Richard Steenbruggen of South Vernon has bought the farm of Clement Jennison in Vernon. His sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, have moved there and will carry on the farm. Mr. Sweet, who bought the farm of Warren Shine in Vernon several weeks ago, has bought of Guy Smith, two barns and 11 acres of land to add to his holdings.

Mrs. R. C. Allen came to her home last week from Brattleboro Memorial hospital. Because of a broken knee cap, she will be confined to a wheel chair.

Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hale, returned from the Franklin County hospital last week-end where he has been for treatment. The Hales have recently moved into the Wozniak house in West Northfield.

Miss Bagley will give dancing lessons at the South school following classes every Monday.

The Misses Marjorie Tyler, Elva Martineau and Helen Scherlin, attending Castleton will spend the Thanksgiving holiday at their homes here.

Deer are reported scarce in the woods herabouts. Thus far it is said Robert Collins shot a 202-lb. deer and that Ralph Eldridge and Richard Baker were successful.

A son was born Saturday, Nov. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Capen of Vernon.

A card party was held at the Pond school last Friday evening. There were 8 tables. Mrs. L. B. Underwood and Mrs. Carl Derrig were the hostesses.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray and daughter Nina will spend Thanksgiving at Auburn, Me., with Rev. and Mrs. Tibbits.

Mrs. Arthur Martindale has gone to Bellows Falls to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Spencer.

Several very fine properties are being offered for sale in town and have been placed in the hands of real estate agencies.

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Leon Dunnell was on a visit with friends in New York City over last week-end.

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One happy day I married John, And he was a handsome boy— Jolly, good, and sweet-tempered Brimming over with joy.

And we were, O, so happy As seven years rolled by With little Jack and Mary Ann Never causing me to cry.

Then one day, John came home He seemed so very queer He said he and the fellows Had been down drinking beer.

From now on things were different And John was often late; He'd say he'd been drinking beer And playing cards at Bates.

The neighbors were not friendly The children were getting shy Our clothes were getting shabby Our food was poor and dry.

One day a dreadful thing happened And they took John to the jail, They said he had stolen money To pay for beer and ale.

He had lost all his money Gambling and drinking beer And now he couldn't pay his debts And lost friends—he held dear.

O, once we were so happy With lovely home and friends; But this is what drinking does Brings misery—at the end.

—Bertha S. Lazelle  
The Vienna Choir Boys who are to be heard in the Auditorium here on Saturday evening rendered a number of selections over the radio from Chicago last Saturday evening.

### JIMMIE AND JANE



### Discuss Railroadings of the Railroads



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The open meeting, to which local Taxpayers associations all over the state will send delegates, will be held at the Hotel Statler, Boston. Other speakers will include Governor-elect Leverett Saltonstall, United States Senator David I. Walsh; Reginald W. Bird, president of the Federation, and Norman MacDonald, executive director of the Federation.

The morning session will be given over to business and the election of officers. The speaking will follow the 1 p. m. luncheon. Invitations to attend the gathering has been extended to a number of our interested citizens.

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 The Sunday school teachers of the Congregational church will meet next Monday evening to consider plans for the observance of Christmas with appropriate exercises. Paul Chamberlain who is superintendent will preside at the meeting and Rev. W. W. Coe will give a preview of the Sunday school lessons for the month. Miss Carrie J. Cook is secretary-treasurer of the school.

**"Stablemates"**  
 A dramatic story of what goes on behind the scenes of modern race tracks is unfolded in "Stablemates," which co-stars Wallace Beery and Mickey Rooney. It opens at the Litchfield Memorial Theatre, Brattleboro, Saturday and will continue to play Monday and Tuesday of next week. The story is a dramatic recital of the friendship of a broken-down veterinary and a penniless stable boy. Much of the picture was made on location at Santa Anita, Inglewood and Del Mar. Such famous horses as Seabiscuit, Dauber, Specify, Lloyd Pan and Indian Broom were used in many of the sequences.

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She surely had a lesson  
 For the ones who daily pray.  
 Maybe we shall face the future  
 In a braver-hearted way.  
 Winter's snow will lay a blanket  
 Over fallen forest pine.  
 Many there will sleep 'til spring-time  
 Waiting Nature's fullest time.

So that when her resurrection  
 Wakes to new life every morn,  
 Tiny seedlings in perfection  
 Burst forth gladly, to be born.  
 Autumn, Winter, Spring, and  
 Summer  
 Each their share will all atone;  
 And the Lord of all creation  
 Will in time reclaim His own.  
 —Helen Barney Weinschenk

**The Girl Scouts**  
 The Girl Scout troop committee met recently and decided to unite the two groups of young girls into a single troop to meet Tuesday afternoons in Alexander hall under Capt. May Thompson with Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Abbott assisting. The Senior Girl Scouts are hoping to visit New York in the spring and the local troop committee will give their assistance, probably by arranging a dance in the town hall during the Christmas vacation.

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**Educators To Speak**  
 Mt. Hermon school will hear Dr. George P. Catten, president of Colgate university, in Memorial chapel at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. next Sunday, Nov. 27. Dr. Howard Thurman, dean of the chapel at Howard university in Washington, D. C., will be the speaker at both the 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. services in Russell Sage chapel on that day.

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2. The medical term for infantile paralysis. At present, doctors are exerting every effort to find the cause of this disease, which is unknown.
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Friday, November 25, 1938

### EDITORIAL

Amid the sorrows and turbulations of the world, with its distinct notes of sadness, there is yet much for which we may all be thankful in this Thanksgiving season. The President's proclamation, those issued by the Governors of states, the call of the church, make us mindful of the abundant blessings which have been bestowed upon us, and the Divine guidance which has led us through all the years as a nation and as individuals. Our prosperity is in the growing riches of the years, the wealth of the soul, our lives find trust in the goodness of God.

The wave of indignation and criticism, which is sweeping the nation, over the inhuman and barbaric treatment accorded minorities in some countries, reveals that our people still believe in fairness and justice to all regardless of race, creed, religion or profession. We voice our sympathies, we unite in protest. But when our prayers are finished, don't forget that buying "Made in Germany," and "Made in Japan," belies our very thought and belittles our action. Be consistent.

### The Back Yard Gardener

You remember last week I said that the average home was too much like the Sahara Desert for house plants. "Well," says Ray Otto, a new man in our neighborhood and a good back yard gardener by the way, "what do you want us to do—build refrigerated humidifier cases in which to grow our plants?"

Not quite that but I do suggest terrariums. "Are they the same as Warden cases?" says he. So I explained that the idea of terrariums was first promoted by a man named Ward and hence the name Warden cases.

He happened to notice a bottle in the woods which in some manner had become partly filled with soil and in which were growing several small plants, while the plants around that territory were pretty well dead from adverse conditions.

These miniature gardens are easy to make and certainly easy to keep healthy. You can use old fish bowls, large bottles, square cases, anything, but one of the best I have seen was entirely home made. An old pan was used in which to build the garden, and then glass was fitted around it and bound together with tape. When you build your garden in a pan like this, it certainly is a lot easier to do than when you have to stick your hand through the narrow neck of a bottle, especially when your hand is full of plants.

Now I don't mean just to have a bunch of partridge berries or checkerberries or some of these other evergreen or semi-evergreen berries. I mean to build a miniature woodland garden and make it as natural as possible, putting in some interesting plants and other decorations.

Of course, you can overdo it. By that I mean don't get too many different plants or features included in your garden. You can get interesting samples of native moss such as club moss or stag-horn moss and princess pine and so on. You can find some of the real small ferns like the rock polypody. They add considerable. Of course, the partridge berries are good, but what I meant was don't have the entire garden of one thing.

If your pan is deep enough you can build up a little hill in one corner and have something different. You can put in a pebble to represent a boulder or a piece of glass to represent a lake. Fungi add interesting effects sometimes. Other decorations like pine cones, acorns, birch twigs, and so on add interesting effects and make for a natural scene.

To start with it is good to make a base of gravel or small pebbles. Then on top of that put sphagnum moss or good rich woodland soil. And as I said, when you get your plants into place build around them a glass case and keep it covered, and you will certainly have something worth bragging about and showing to your friends.

I might say that, if you have a cover, watch it. If the glass be-

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comes clouded with moisture, give it a little more ventilation. Some folks take up small plants like violets. Of course you want to wait until they have been frozen. Then dig them up and put them in your glass garden and you will have a real woody effect.

The same idea can be carried out in much the same way for desert gardens, only of course in this case you'd use sand in place of soil or moss and you'd use cacti and other succulent plants. Little bunches of clump grass, etc.,—in other words, things that would be associated with dry areas.

Well, so much for terrariums. I just remembered that last winter I made myself promise to build some feedin' gations for the birds.

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Don't limit the pictures to the dinner itself. There is much more to shoot. Start early. Get a picture of Mother with her basket, bringing in the Thanksgiving groceries—or one of the store delivery boys bringing them in. Show the mixing of the Thanksgiving cake—and after it is baked, take a picture of the table

put on. Snap the guests as they arrive. Catch a snapshot of the turkey as it is taken steaming from the oven, nestled in golden-brown potatoes. These preparations make remarkably interesting pictures—so don't miss a detail!

At dinner, you will be pretty busy with food—but it's easy to take a few moments out now and then for a snapshot. Keep the camera at hand, and arrange your lights so they can be placed quickly and snapped on. You'll want a picture of the whole table, with everyone seated, just before dinner begins. Then there are individual shots—Billy admiring the turkey—Ann busy with an enormous "dramatic"—Uncle John cracking nuts.

You can easily see what a splendid story there is to tell—and there will be many more picture chances than those listed here. Better start making your plans, and let the family help make up a list of "must" snapshots. It will be fun for them as well as you.

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